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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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TAGS: PORG, YO, SA
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SAUDI ATTENDANCE AT THE BELGRADE
NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: STATE 184764

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABD
AL-RAHMAN MANSURI TOLD POL COUNSELOR ON JULY 22 THAT
SAUDI ARABIA WOULD ATTEND BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING.
POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT IT IS U.S. VIEW THAT SAUDI PRE-
SENCE COULD HAVE MODERATING INFLUENCE AND WA IMPORTANT
TO OUTCOME OF MEETING.

2. MANSURI SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS DISTURBED BY
DIRECTION THAT NAM WAS TAKING. HE SAID THAT IN SAG'S
VIEW, NAM WAS NO LONGER NON-ALIGNED AND THAT SAUDI
DELEGATE, AMBASSADOR MA'MUN KABBANI, HAD BEEN INSTURCTED
TO SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE NAM BACK TO MORE MOD-

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ERATE COURSE. HE ALSO SAID THIS HAD BEEN ONE OF PRIN-
CIPAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIM AND INDIAN
FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO SAUDI
ARABIA JULY 18.

3. MANSURI WENT ON TO SAY THAT KABBANI HAD BEEN GIVEN
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON TWO OTHER ISSUES. FIRST IS

TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CUBAN AND SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. IF IT PROVES NOT TO BE POSSIBLE TO GET RESOLUTION NAMING CUBA AND USSR WITHOUT MENTIONING FRANCE AND BELGIUM, THEN SAUDI DELEGATE IS TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION WITH THOSE COUNTRIES ALSO MENTIONED. IF IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO GET RESOLUTION GIVING NAMES, THEN SAUDI DELEGATE IS TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION IN GENERAL TERMS CONDEMNING INTERVENTION BY ALL.

4. SAUDI DELEGATE IS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO KEEP ALGERIA FROM PUTTING SAHARAN QUESTION ON AGENDA. IF THIS ISSUE DOES GET ON AGENDA, THEN SAUDI DELEGATE IS TO ATTEMPT TO GET QUESTION REFERRED WITHOUT DECISION TO OAU FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

5. ONE FOOTNOTE: AMBASSADOR KABANI IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT THE TURN OF THE YEAR TO HEAD WESTERN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.
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